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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated November 7, 2001 in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as indicated. A marked-up version of the claims illustrating the changes is included herein in the Appendix.

21. **(AMENDED)** A method of forming a printed multicolored flocked pile fabric having a substrate and flocking formed of fibers, wherein the fibers are arranged in random groups extending uniformly across the entire width and along the length of the fabric, with each group comprising a random number of fibers extending at angles and in directions that randomly vary from the angles and the directions of fibers in adjacent groups, comprising the steps of:

processing greige goods to randomly reorient the fibers forming the flocked surface under conditions selected to minimize creasing of the fabric, wherein the processing comprises washing greige goods at a temperature and time period sufficient to randomly reorient the fibers

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